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1. On 10 December 1948 a meeting was held at al-Najah (formerly Sawt al-Sha'b) printing press, which was attended by Sa'd-al-Din Muminah, 'Id Abu-Madi, Emil Shimali, Michel Abu-Mashriq, and Farid Farah, to discuss the arrest of Mustafa 'Aris and the shaken position of the communist-controlled Typesetters' Union. After much debate, the following decisions were adopted: Communist typesetters must try to rally the support of the typesetters within the (communist) Union, through pamphlets, notices, and the formation of committees to visit workers on their jobs. Any Communist worker who fails to take immediate action in this respect will be expelled from the Party.
2. The Typesetters' Union received a severe reproach from the Central Committee of the Communist Party for the failure of its strike. On 11 December the Union decided to send a worker (not known as a fanatical Communist), Michel Aramiyyah, to contact Tawfiq Faghali; Aramiyyah met with Faghali for half an hour that night and suggested the formation of a new union with half the members from the old union and half from the new. Faghali rejected this suggestion, saying that the new union did not recruit its members indiscriminately and that, in order to join, each worker from the communist union must submit a separate application which would be studied by the new union. Aramiyyah later told the Typesetters' Union that his mission had failed.

\*leader of the non-communist Typesetters' and Bookbinders' Union.

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